GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:194
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
STOCK OF SURPLUS FOODGRAINS
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the current stock of surplus foodgrains with Government agencies in the country; and

(b) the steps, if any, taken to utilise the same through `Food-for-Work` programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): A statement is being laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)&(b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 194 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): As on 1.7.2001, 373.70 lakh tonnes of wheat and rice were available in the Central Pool in excess of the minimum buffer stocking norms as per details given below:-

(in lakh tonnes)

	Minimum buffer stocking norms	Stocks in position	Stocks in excess of buffer stocking norms
Wheat	143.00	389.20	246.20
Rice	100.00	227.50	127.50
Total	243.00	616.70	373.70

(b): 18,19,238 tonnes of wheat and rice have been made available to the drought affected States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa and Rajasthan, free of cost, for undertaking Food for Work programme.Details in this regard are given below:

(in tonnes)

	Wheat	Rice	Total
Chhattigarh	0	507000	507000
Gujarat	116515	31590	148105
Himachal Pradesh	0	11549	11549
Madhya Pradesh	158655	54424	213079
Maharashtra	40000	10000	50000
Orissa	0	150000	150000
Rajasthan	739505	0	739505
Total	1054675	764563	1819238